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CLAIMS

1. A computer system comprising:

5 an asynchronous messaging-and-queuing system; and

a storage area network having a storage area network controller; and

wherein said storage area network controller comprises control means

10 to control a message queue on behalf of one or more queue managers.

2. A computer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said one or more queue managers comprise two or more queue managers, and at least two of said two or more queue managers are heterogeneous.

15 3. A computer system as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein a message in said message queue is persistent, and wherein said storage area network controller comprises means for controlling persistence of said message.

20 4. A computer system as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein said message is a transactional message, and wherein said storage area network controller comprises transactional control means.

25 5. A computer system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said transactional control means comprises a syncpoint coordinator.

6. A method for controlling a computer system having an asynchronous messaging-and-queuing system and a storage area network having a storage 30 area network controller; comprising the steps of:

receiving a message request at a queue manager; and

5 passing said message request to said storage area network controller;

wherein said storage area network controller comprises control means to control message queues on behalf of one or more queue managers.

0 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said one or more queue managers comprise two or more queue managers, and said two or more queue managers are heterogeneous.

8. A method as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7, wherein a message in said message queue is persistent, and wherein said storage area network controller comprises means for controlling persistence of said message.

5 9. A method as claimed in any of claims 6 to 8, wherein said message is a transactional message, and wherein said storage area network controller comprises transactional control means.

10 10. A computer program comprising computer program code to, when loaded into a computer system and executed, cause said computer system to perform all the steps of a method as claimed in any of claims 7 to 9.